

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-30 were pending in the present application.

Claims 1-19 and 24-30 were rejected in the March 26, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 20-23 have been allowed.

Claims 1, 8, 14 and 24 are amended herein.

Claims 1-30 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In a teleconference with Examiner Erika Gary on June 21, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the amendments made to the Application in Applicants' Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 dated May 4, 2007 were not entered.

Accordingly, Applicants present those amendments again herein (and others where indicated). These amendments are fully supported by the originally filed Specification and do not add new matter. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the amendments to Claims 1, 8, 14 and 24 presented herein be entered.

In Sections 1-3 of the March 26, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-19 and 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,822,973 to *Kelley, et al.*, (the "Kelley reference") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0007973 to *Jang, et al.*, (the "Jang reference"). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the Examiner's arguments in support of the rejection.

Claim 1 of the present application currently requires:

For use in a wireless network comprising a plurality of base stations, a mobile station that can selectively use the reduced slot cycle mode under the control of a first of the plurality of base stations, the mobile station comprising:

a message controller capable of communicating in a paging channel with the first base station; and

a reduced slot cycle controller coupled to the message controller and capable of causing the message controller to transmit to the first base station a first Release Order message comprising a minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value requested by the mobile station,

wherein the reduced slot cycle controller is further capable of receiving from the first base station *a second Release Order message in response to the first Release Order message*, *wherein the second Release Order message comprises a modified data field containing a selected reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value at which the mobile station will operate and a normal slot cycle index (SCI) value at which the mobile station will operate when the mobile station is operating in a normal mode.* (emphasis added).

Notably, Claim 1 requires that reduced slot cycle controller receive from a first base station a second Release Order message *in response to the first Release Order message*. The second Release Order message includes a modified data field containing a selected reduced SCI value at which the mobile station will operate and *a normal SCI value at which the mobile station will operate when the mobile station is operating in a normal mode.*

The Kelley reference, either alone or in any combination with the Jang reference, fails to teach or disclose each and every element required by Claim 1 and its dependents. For example, the Kelley reference and the Jang reference fail to teach or disclose *a second Release Order message having a selected reduced SCI value at which the mobile station will operate and a normal SCI value at which the mobile station will operate when the mobile station is operating in a normal mode*, as required by Claim 1 and its dependents, Claims 2-7. Similar arguments hold true for Claims 8, 14 and 24 (and their respective dependents).

Moreover, there is no motivation or suggestion within either cited reference to prompt one of ordinary skill to selectively combine discrete elements from each and then *seek out* still others, as required by Claims 1, 8, 14 and 24 (and their respective dependents).

In Section 4 of the March 26, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner has allowed Claims 20-23. Applicants thank the Examiner for this determination.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at jmockler@munckbutrus.com.

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